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In re Application of: Shinichiroh IKEMASU et al.

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PETITION TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO LATE RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION

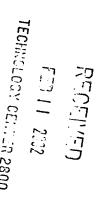
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Date: February 8, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition to reset the period for reply of the Office Action dated **December** 28, 2001. The Office Action was not received until **February 6, 2002**, as evidenced by the stamped date of receipt on the attached copy of the Office Action.

Mail received at our office is date stamped on the day such mail is received. Thus, the copy of the date-stamped Office Action establishes the date of receipt at our correspondence address.



It is understood that no fee is due with respect to this petition. However, in the event any fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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